



Transit Options

Providing employers with smart commute solutions for their employees.



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COMPANY PROFILES : WHO'S DOING WHAT

Small Woodinville company creates large vanpool program

Who says vanpooling at small companies doesn't work ? Just ask the folks at Sportworks who now have three full 8-passenger vanpools that originate from the north, south and west of their employment site. By using the FlexPass

Vanpool benefits, employees have the opportunity to cover all or most all of their monthly ridesharing costs and beat the challenges of \$3.00 per gallon fuel costs. You Go, Sportworks !

Planned Parenthood of Western Washington wins Diamond Award

PPWW was recognized and honored at the May 2006 Commuter Challenge breakfast for outstanding accomplishment and leadership in developing its comprehensive "voluntary work site" commute program. Entitled Smart Commute Choices, this first of its kind program for PPWW, provides several innovative elements

that assist employees in reducing HOV travel and shaving precious time off work related commutes. The coveted award was received by Chris Charbonneau, President/CEO; Carole Williams, VP/HR; and Bob Thompson, Transportation Coordinator/HR.

IN THE NEWS

Pre-tax class in Bellevue and SODO

Do you think that pre-tax commute benefits would be too complicated for your company? Think again. If you have even a single employee who uses public transportation, you can give them an excellent benefit by allowing them to purchase their monthly bus pass with pre-tax dollars. This is simpler and more flexible than other pre-tax benefits such as cafeteria plans or medical/childcare benefits and no money is left on the table. Join us at a one-hour Pre-Tax Quick Course in SODO on August 24 and Bellevue

on November 2. Just go to www.metrokc.gov/pretaxpass and follow the link to a class registration form.

Direct tax credit to employers

Did you know that Washington State offers a B&O/Utility Tax direct credit to employers who provide commute benefits to eligible employees (employees who do not drive alone to work)? Up to \$60 per year per employee can be claimed. Claims must be submitted during the month of January 2007. Find out more information at <http://dor.wa.gov> or 1-800-647-7706



Company

Contact name

Position/Department

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Fax

E-mail address

Number of employees at your company

Yes, please send these free materials so our employees can learn about their commuting choices:

- ☐ Posters (two)
- ☐ King County Metro transit system map
- ☐ Carpool, Vanpool & Vanshare Materials
- ☐ Ways my company can buy bus passes or vouchers to give or sell to employees.
- ☐ Tax laws for commute-related expenses
- ☐ Commute Solutions booklet
- ☐ Past two issues of Transit Options newsletter

Our company offers the following commute benefits:

- ☐ None ☐ Bus passes at work ☐ Pre-tax payroll deductions for employees
- ☐ Employer-paid benefit of \$ _____ ☐ Free parking

☐ We'd like to give employees better commute options. Please have someone call me to discuss options and opportunities for starting or enhancing a commute program.



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Please route to:

- ☐ General Manager
- ☐ Human Resources
- ☐ Payroll



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Metro Online:
<http://transit.metrokc.gov>

Employer commute services:
<http://transit.metrokc.gov>
Select 'Employers' from the icon bar,
or 206-263-3455

Carpool, vanpool & vanshare services
www.RideshareOnline.com
206-625-4500 or 800-427-8249

Bus pass & ticketbook purchases
<http://transit.metrokc.gov> or
206-624-PASS

Other Transportation Agencies

Community Transit
www.commttrans.org or 800-562-1375

Kitsap Transit
www.kitsaptransit.org
360-373-2877 or 800-501-RIDE

Pierce Transit
www.ptbus.pierce.wa.us
253-581-8000 or 800-562-8109

Sound Transit
www.soundtransit.org or 206-398-5000

Washington State Ferries
www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries
206-464-6400 or 888-808-7977

Flexcar
www.flexcar.com or 206-391-8825

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